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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: ANTONIO BRANCO ET AL - 1 (PCT) EXAMINER: D. BUTLER  
SERIAL NO: 09/623,819 GROUP: 3683  
FILED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2000 CONFIRMATION NO.: 9060  
TITLE: PNEUMATIC SUSPENSION SYSTEM

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

ATT: BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's First Office Action, dated September 20, 2002 with a period of response being three months or until December 20, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

The previous abstract has been canceled. Enclosed please find a new abstract.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

/On page 1, line 2, below the title please insert the following paragraph:

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--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS--

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 of German  
Application No. DE 19902360.3 filed January 21, 1999. Applicants